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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/612,304
Filing Date	July 7, 2000
Examiner Name	K. NEGASH
First Named Inventor	Yoshihiro NAKAHARA
Group Art Unit	2633
Attorney Docket Number	32011-164846

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☐ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 22-0261

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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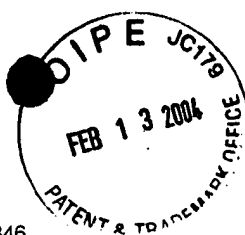
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☐ New U.S. Provisional Application ( pages of specification/claims)  
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☐ U.S. National Stage Application of PCT Application  
☐ Translation of International Application  
☐ New U.S. TM Application ( specimens)  
☐ Rule 53(d) Continued Prosecution Application  
☐ Substitute Specification  
☐ Rule 53(b) Continuation or Divisional Application (*attach copy of specification, claims, drawings & declaration*)  
☐ Priority Document-Cert. Copy of Appln #: ; Country  
☐ Date Filed:  
☒ Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114  
☐ Request for Reconsideration  
☐ Application Data Sheet  
☐ Assignment w/Cover Sheet  
☐ IDS w/ PTO SB/08 a/k/a PTO Form-1449 ( references)  
☐ Response  
☒ ☒ Amendment/☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☐ Petition/Request for Extension of Time (one mo. ext.)  
☐ Notice of Appeal  
☐ Appeal Brief (*in triplicate*)  
☐ ☐ Reply Brief (*in triplicate*)/ ☐ Request for Oral Hearing  
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☐ Issue Fee Transmittal  
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☐ Response to Notice to File Missing Parts  
☐ Response to Notice to File Missing Requirements  
☐ Response to Restriction Requirement  
☐ Petition to Revive  
☐ Sequence Listing - CDR Enclosed? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
☐ Status Inquiry  
☐ Request for Non-Publication  
☐ Request to Rescind Non-Publication Request  
☐ Terminal Disclaimer  
☐ TM Statement of Use  
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☐ Declaration Under 8  
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☐ TM Renewal Application  
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